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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data is provided in the desired format; reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized; collection instruments are clearly understood; and the impact of collection requirements on respondents is properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection of: Blanket Justification for NEA Funding Application Guidelines and Reporting Requirements. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice. DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below within 60 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register. The NEA is particularly interested in comments that:

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Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the

proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the

information will have practical utility;

Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and

assumptions used;

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

Can help the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on

those who are to respond, including through the use of electronic submission of

responses through Grants.gov.

ADDRESS: Send comments to Jillian Miller, Director, Office of Guidelines and

Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue,

N.W., Room 621, Washington, DC 20506-0001; telephone (202) 682-5504 (this is

not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5049.

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